

Senate Resolution 590

By: Senators Carter of the 1st, Stone of the 23rd, Hill of the 6th, Hill of the 4th, Loudermilk of the 14th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard for
2 ten years of being mobilized for wartime missions; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard has served in
4 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn since
5 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, more than 80 percent of the Wing's personnel have deployed in support of the
7 three major war operations; over 900 airmen are in the unit, and the Wing has eight C-130H2
8 cargo aircraft; and

9 WHEREAS, in the last ten years, the unit has flown over 11,363 flying hours and 7,441
10 combat sorties; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2003, the 165th Airlift Wing was activated for the first time since the Korean
12 War; unit members carried out their wartime tasking within the allotted time, and the first
13 unit aircraft was airborne within 72 hours of notification; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2004, the first C-130 unit to deploy and operate out of Iraq flew under the
15 famous "Red Tail" designation 332 Air Expeditionary Wing; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2005, the 165th Airlift Wing crew supported the rescue mission of SEAL
17 Team 10 and the 3/160 Special Operations Aviation Regiment; and

18 WHEREAS, an MH-47D Chinook was shot down during a quick reaction force mission in
19 support of the United States Navy SEALs, and 16 United States service members were killed
20 in action from the helicopter, three from the team; the 165th Airlift Wing crew was the first
21 C-130 aircraft to "put beans and bullets on target" on time, a feat made famous in Marcus
22 Luttrell's Book, *Lone Survivor*; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2011, the 165th Airlift Wing was part of the 774th Expeditionary Airlift
24 Squadron, the only squadron in the United States Central Command Area of Responsibility
25 tasked at 100 percent; 15 aircraft flew 15 lines every day for over 60 days; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifices made by each individual
27 serving on the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard in their determination
28 to protect this nation's liberty be recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard for ten years of
31 exemplary service on behalf of the country and commend the individuals whose outstanding
32 precision and diligence set the standard for service in the Georgia Air National Guard.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air
35 National Guard.